

## DR. ERNESTO GALARZA SCHOLARSHIP 2023-2024

(CLFSA will award multiple scholarships)

### Essay Guidelines: Please read carefully

To apply for the CLFSA scholarship honoring Dr. Ernesto Galarza first become familiar with Dr. Galarza's prolific academic scholarship as well as his activism on behalf of the Chicano/Latino community. Read the biographical essay by Richard Chabrán on Dr. Galarza to learn about his scholarship and his activist contributions to provide you a background and context for this immensely committed member of our community. After reading Chabrán's essay, read the designated readings listed below to develop your scholarship essay. It is important that you read critically, identify key points, and analyze the significance of Dr. Galarza's ideas about education to contemporary events, issues, or problems faced by Chicano/Latino communities today. Read the prompt and use your readings (plus any other relevant references you wish) then write your essay.

#### ESSAY PROMPT:

Dr. Galarza was a champion for Mexican Immigrant and Mexican American workers (hereafter referred to as Mexican). During the COVID-19 global pandemic it became common to refer to all people on the front line of care to be referred to as "essential workers." Yet, in many respects the labor in which Mexicans are involved is often invisible and seen as unimportant. Draw on your readings to learn about Dr. Galarza's approaches to the study of Mexican labor, then read at least two relevant reports or essays that focus on Mexican labor to discuss how the pandemic affected our Mexican communities and people. Some of the problems identified have to do with overwhelming representation in deaths from Covid-19, disproportionate exposure in the types of jobs Mexican Americans and Mexican immigrants hold. Once you identify your focus, use the scholarship you read by Dr. Galarza and his perspectives to address how they continue to be relevant and contribute to issues faced by our communities in the present.

CLFSA roots its work influenced by Chicana and Chicano Studies. Dr. Galarza is recognized as a founding scholar of CCS. Please read the [Preamble](#) of the National Association (NACCS) as an example that illustrates advocacy using Chicana and Chicano Studies which champions Mexican Americans/Chicana/o/x in multiple ways. In your essay show connections between Dr. Galarza's perspectives and NACCS.

#### Organize your essay using the following sections:

1. Introduction: In this section develop your thesis and describe how you are organizing your essay.
2. Body: Write about your examination and analysis of Dr. Galarza's ideas in relation to the essay prompt. This is the body of your paper, so be certain to enrich the essay with carefully selected

and cited excerpts from Dr. Galarza's writing and any additional scholarship useful to support your essay. Be certain to address the prompt and to develop your ideas succinctly with relevant scholarly support.

3. Conclusion: Powerfully take your reader to a place of understanding that demonstrates your understanding of Dr. Galarza's ideas and how you applied these to your essay.
4. Bibliography of the references provided by CLFSA and any other readings you use to write your essay.

**Readings: Will be available on Reserve under Professor Curry. If you have a difficulty accessing the readings, please send an email request to [Kathryn.BlackmerReyes@sjsu.edu](mailto:Kathryn.BlackmerReyes@sjsu.edu).**

***Required Reading:***

Chabrán, Richard. "Activism and Intellectual Struggle in the Life of Ernesto Galarza (1905-1984)." Pp. 135-152 in *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, 1985, Vol 7 No. 2.

Book Chapters (two) from Armando Ibarra and Rodolfo D. Torres, **Man of Fire: Selected Writings, Ernesto Galarza**. Urbana, Illinois: University of Illinois Press. (Available as an eBook at King Library).

Galarza, Ernesto. 2013. "Economic Development By Mexican-Americans in Oakland, California." Pages 76 to 99 Armando Ibarra and Rodolfo D. Torres, **Man of Fire: Selected Writings, Ernesto Galarza**. Urbana, Illinois: University of Illinois Press.

Galarza, Ernesto. 2013. "Plantation Workers in Louisiana." Pages 203-223 - 174 in Armando Ibarra and Rodolfo D. Torres, **Man of Fire: Selected Writings, Ernesto Galarza**. Urbana, Illinois: University of Illinois Press.

**Guidelines for Essay (please follow):**

Length of Essay: 6-7 pages, plus a cover page and a bibliography of the scholarship you consult.

Mechanics: Use 1-inch margins, 12-point font (Times New Roman or Arial only). Include a cover page for your essay with your name, academic standing (undergrad/grad and year), and your major. Your essay must include a bibliography or reference page using Chicago/Turabian citation format. Avoid plagiarism by citing any excerpt you use within your essay properly. Guidelines for citing and evaluating information, as well as for avoiding plagiarism, are available at <http://libguides.sjsu.edu/plagiarism>



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